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Monroe County Health Department holds Prostate Cancer Screening Clinic

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The Monroe County Health Department and the Urology Health Foundation will hold a free prostate cancer screening for men 40 years of age and older on Saturday, August 15, from 10:00 until 2:00 at the Monroe County Health Department at 416 Agriculture Drive in Monroeville.

Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men nationally. Early detection and treatment are key factors in addressing prostate cancer. Age and race are the strongest risk factors for prostate cancer. One in six men will get prostate cancer at some point in their life. African American men are at special risk for the disease, having the highest rate in the world. One in four African American men will develop prostate cancer and are 2.5 times more likely to die from the disease. A man's risk is higher than average if a brother, father or uncle had the disease.

Screening for this disease involves a simple blood test and a physical exam. The blood test measures a specific protein called prostate specific antigen. The examination is called a DRE or digital rectal exam. These tests take approximately 10 minutes to perform and could prove to be life saving.

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